

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

VOTE

Authorizing the City Manager to Accept and Expend Funds from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY 2021 in the amount of Fifteen Thousand and 00/100 (\$15,000.00) Dollars.

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The City of Lowell is desirous of accepting and expending a Grant from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG); and

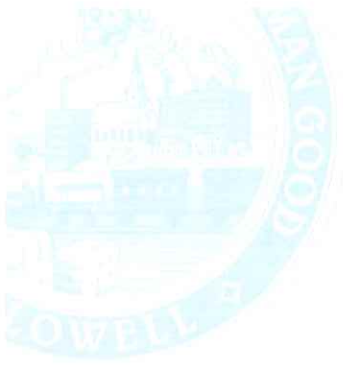
The Grant will make available to the City the sum of Fifteen Thousand and 00/100 (\$15,000.00) Dollars to purchase exercise equipment and create a small gym for officers to use before and after their shift and also to update its internal website and publish health and wellness related information for officers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT VOTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL:

That the City Manager be and is hereby authorized to accept and expend funds from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY 2021 in the amount of Fifteen Thousand and 00/100 (\$15,000.00) Dollars to purchase exercise equipment and create a small gym for officers to use before and after their shift and also to update its internal website and publish health and wellness related information for officers.

BE IT FURTHER VOTED:

That the City Manager, on behalf of the City of Lowell, be and hereby is, authorized to execute any and all documents necessary in connection with said grant, including the expenditure thereof.



Raymond Kelly Richardson  
*Superintendent*

Barry Golner  
*Deputy Superintendent*

Daniel R. Larocque  
*Deputy Superintendent*

To: City Manager, Eileen Donoghue  
From: Superintendent Kelly Richardson  
Date: January 4, 2021  
Re: State Grant Awards

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KRP*

The Lowell Police Department is excited to notify you of four state grant awards recently received from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security. The first is the FY 2021 Shannon Community Safety Initiative (CSI) award in the amount of \$634,861.81 over a one year period. The Shannon CSI funding enables the LPD to implement a comprehensive anti-gang and youth violence strategy. In addition to using funds for suppression activities, funding was subcontracted to a wide range of City entities and community partners, including Lowell Public Schools, the Parks and Recreation Department, the Career Center of Lowell, UTEC, the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Lowell, Lowell Community Health Center, Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association, West End Gym, and the YWCA. These community organizations provide a myriad of prevention and intervention activities. It also funds portions of the Summer Student Police Academy and the LPD Safe Summer Movie Nights as well as portions of two Crime Analyst positions. The overarching goal of the Shannon Grant is to reduce gang and youth violence, intervene in the lives of highly at-risk youth, and provide positive opportunities and alternatives to gang and youth violence. Additionally, funding is allocated for the Gang Unit to increase patrols and ensure the Gang Unit is fully staffed during the warmer months.

The second is the FY2021 Municipal Staffing award in the amount of \$162,500 over a one year period. This funding enables the LPD to deploy additional foot and bicycle patrols, as well as backfill to help cover officers out sick and on vacation.

The third is the FFY 2021 Municipal Road Safety award in the amount of \$40,000. This program recently replaced the Local Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) and the Traffic Enforcement grant program. This funding will enable the LPD to participate in the following campaigns: Winter Impaired Driving, Distracted Driving, Click It or Ticket, Speed, and Summer Impaired Driving. The goal of this grant program is to decrease the number of traffic fatalities and the number of impaired driving-related crashes in the city.

The fourth is the Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) award in the amount of \$15,000. This grant will enable the LPD to purchase exercise equipment and create a small gym for officers to use before and after their shifts. This funding will also allow the Department to update its internal website and post health and wellness related information for police officers.



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January 4, 2021

City Council  
City of Lowell  
375 Merrimack Street  
Lowell, MA 01852

Dear City Councilors,

The Lowell Police Department recently received notification from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security regarding the Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) award in the amount of \$15,000. The LPD respectfully requests the City Council's approval to accept and expend this award.

The Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) will enable the LPD to purchase exercise equipment in order to create a small gym for officers to use before and after their shifts. Funding will also be used to update the Department's internal website and publish health and wellness related information for officers.

Sincerely,

Raymond Kelly Richardson  
Superintendent